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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The invention concerns integrated circuits in which a  
MACRO is embedded in a standard cell array. One level of  
metal is devoted exclusively to non-local interconnect, and  
a layer of polysilicon is devoted to local interconnect,  
thereby saving significant space.

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